Report of Citizens Committee on Child Labour

3887. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the report which prepared and released by the Citizens Committee comprising journalist Kuldip Nayar and Justice D. S. Tewatia, playwright Vijay Tendulkar and others stating that the Industrial workers in Durg-Bhilai of Madhya Pradesh are not only the victims of exploitation through contract labour system, wage rule violations and violence by the managements strongmen but also pay heavily because of the lack of safety measures in the factories;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action Government proposes to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Laws to regulate Child Labour

3888. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the laws enacted during the last 10 years to regulate employment and exploitation of children employed in various industries of the country;

(b) what is the number of children at present employed in different industries state-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that these enactments have failed to have any impact on the improvement of working conditions of child labour;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government propose to bring forward an all comprehensive and effective legislation to protect the child labour from exploitation and other operational risk ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986.

(b) The statement showing the number of children employed in different industries statewise is enclosed (*see below*).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) In view of the existing legislative provisions for the protection of child labour, no new enactment is envisaged.

Statement

Sl. No.	States / Union Territories	Workers in the age group 0 –14
		1981 Census
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,951,312
2.	Assam	*
3.	Bihar	1,101,764
4.	Gujarat	616,913

5.	Haryana	194,189
6.	Himachal Pradesh	99,624
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	258,437
8.	Karnataka	1,131,530
9.	Kerala	92,854
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1,688,597
11.	Maharashtra	1,557,756
12.	Manipur	20,217
13	Meghalaya	44,916
14.	Nagaland	16,235
15.	Orissa	702,293
16.	Punjab	216,939
17.	Rajasthan	819,605
18.	Sikkim	8,561
19.	Tamil Nadu	957,055
20.	Tripura	24,204
21.	Uttar Pradesh	1,434,675
22.	West Bengal	605,263
23.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	1,309
24.	Auranchal Pradesh	17,950
25.	Chandigarh	1,986
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3,615
27.	Delhi	25,717
28.	Goa, Daman & Diu	9,378
29.	Lakshadweep	56
30.	Pondicherry	3,606
31.	Mizoram	6,314
	TOTAL	13,640,872

* 1981 Census could not be conducted in Assam due to disturbed conditions prevailing there than.

Loan for Social Safety Net Programme

3889. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that $ 500 loan for Social Safety Net Programme will be spent on re-training and re-deployment of workers affected by the process of industrial restructuring; and

(b) if so, what is the likely number of the workers to be affected by the restructuring process ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Retrenchment in Public Sector Undertakings

3890. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of employees who have been retrenched in the Public